(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of '(a)' above.

(d) According to the Demand status, Cuddapah needed an exchange of about 2,000 lines. Electronic exchange equipment in this size range was not available indigenously. Hence a scheme to set up 2000 lines ICP type of exchange has been sanctioned.

Telephone calls between Vijayawada, Guntur and Tenali

1404. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the telephone calls between Vijyawada, Guntur and Tenali of Andhra Pradesh are treated as local calls; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE). (a) No, Sir.

(b) Vijayawada, Guntur and Tenali are three different towns with well defined municipalities and the calls between these are treated as trunk calls, as per existing rules.

कोयले की सप्लाई में कमी

1405. **श्री सुब्रह्मण्यम स्वामी :**
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अक्तूबर से दिसम्बर, 1987 तक की अवधि में कोयले की सप्लाई में इसकी मांग की अपेक्षा काफी कमी आई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) कोयले की सप्लाई के कम होने और कोयले के घटिया किस्म के होने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या यह सच भी है कि इसके परिणामस्वरूप देश के उत्तरी क्षेत्र में स्थित औद्योगिक इकाइयों को भारी कठिनाइयों का सामना करना पड़ा?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में कोयला विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी० के० जाफर शरीफ): (क) और (ख) अक्तूबर-दिसम्बर, 1987 की अवधि के लिए आनुपातिक मांग तथा अक्तूबर से दिसम्बर, 1987 के दौरान कोयले के प्रेषण का ब्यौरा पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि की तुलना में, नीचे दिया गया है :—

(आंकड़े मिलियन टनों में)

अक्तूबर, 87 से दिसम्बर, 87 की अवधि के लिए आनुपातिक मांग	अक्तूबर से दिसम्बर के दौरान प्रेषण		मांग पूर्ति की प्रतिशतता	पिछले वर्ष से प्रतिशत वृद्धि
	1987	1986		
47.01	42.90	40.42	91.03%	+6.1%

(ग) और (घ) उत्तरी क्षेत्र के राज्यों में अर्थात् हरियाणा, पंजाब, उत्तर प्रदेश, जम्मू-काश्मीर, हिमाचल प्रदेश, राजस्थान तथा संघ शासित क्षेत्र प्रदेश दिल्ली में कोयले की सप्लाई में कोई कमी नहीं आई है । इन राज्यों में कोयले की समग्र सप्लाई वर्ष 1986 की इसी अवधि में की गई सप्लाई से 14.8 प्रतिशत तक तथा गैर-महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों को 10.9% तक बढ़ी है ।

भारतीय कोयला अमतौर पर घटिया किस्म का अधिकतर के अंश वाला होता है । उपभोक्ताओं के किस्म परिमापों को पूरा करने के लिए कोल इंडिया लि० के प्रयासों में यह शामिल है—उच्च ग्रेड के कोयले के आवंटन में प्रखर/उग्र, आंच वाले उद्योगों को वरीयता देना,

आकार-ग्रत कोयला चाहने वाले उपभोक्ताओं के लिए कोयला रखरखाव सयंत्र स्थापित करना तथा कोयले में राख अंश कम करने के उद्देश्य से इस्पात क्षेत्र का परिष्करण ।

Absorption of IAS owcers in Public Sector Undertakings

1406. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA:

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in regard to absorption of IAS officers in public sector undertakings;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals proposes to appoint IAS officers in Bengal Immunity Limited and SSPL, Calcutta in violation of normal rules;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whetner any responsibility has been fixed for poer performance in such cases; and

(e) whether Government are of the view that bureaucrats fair better in public sector than the professionals?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Policy of the Government regarding absorption of IAS officers in Public Sector Undertakings is that the IAS officers have to resign from their service before they get permanantly absorbed in the Public Sector Undertakings.

(b) to (e) Considering the special circumstances prevailing in these companies and the fact that suitable candidates from the open market have not been available, a decision has been taken to appoint persons from the organised services as Managing Director for a period of 3 to 4 years on deputation basis. Selection shall, however, be made through the Public Enterprises Selection Board as in other cases.

Mafia gangs in Bokaro Colliery

1407. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the "Sunday Statesman" of April 24th, 1988 to the effect that 7 Labourers have been killed in Bokaro Colliery area because of revilries; and

(b) what action Government propose to take against the mafia operating in collieries so that, the production goes on unhampered and the large scale pilferage of coal is prevented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. The colliery in question is owned by M|s. TISCO which is not a Govt. company.

(b) It is essentially for the State Governments to tackle the criminal elements commonly referred to as 'mafia'. However, managements of the coal companies closely coordinate action with the local State Government agencies to curb their activities. While the State Governments arrange for adeqaute policing of the coal mining areas, the companies have been advised to tighten their procedures for awarding contracts and to regulate the value of contract and also the number of contracts to any particular individual. They have also been advised to have the antecedents of the tenderers verified in consultation with the State Governments before awarding the contracts. Periodic transfers and rotation of Personnel occupying sensitive positions. formation of credit societies to eliminate money-lenders and promotion of cooperatives of ex-servicemen for internal transportation work are other important steps that are being taken in this connection.